Export of cashew

1380. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to step up the export of cashew; and

(b) what are the details of cashew export during the last three years and the revenue earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) To step up export of cashew Government has been granting CCS at the rate of 8 per cent on export of cashewnuts in consumers packs of 1 kg. or less. Import replenishment @ 10 per cent on exports of cashew kernels is also being granted. Besides this, the Cashew Export Promotion Council, undertakes export promotional measures by way of sending trade delegations and participating in fairs and exhibitions abroad.

(b) Exports of cashew kernels from India in the last three years have been as follows:

Year	Qty. (MTS)	Value (Rs. Crores)
1984-85 . .	32407	180.37
1985-86* . .	35153	215.27
1986-87* . .	41759	334 10

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Import of Indian Products by Burma

1381. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Burma has decided to import of variety of products from India; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether projects would be set up in Burma with Indian credit or grants and expertise; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Discussions have been held with the Buremese side from time to time on the export of various products from India. The Burmese side has indicated interest in principle, to import variety of products from India.

(b) Our Prime Minister had offered project(s) valued upto Rs. 100 million to be set up in Burma with Indian expertise as a gift from India. Details of projects are being discussed through diplomatic channels.

Closure of textile mills in Gujarat

1382. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 28 textile mills have already been closed down in Gujarat and some others are on the verge of clousure;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has asked the Centre for any assistance from the Rehabilitation Fund;

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto; and

(d) what assistance the Government of India propose to give to revive the closed textile units and to help the sick units?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 31.12.87, there were 33 cotton/man fibre textile mills lying closed in Gujarat. It is not posible to state before hand with certainty that some other mills are on the verge of closure because such closures would be dependent on a number of factors.

(b) and (c) The Government of Gujarat had suggested that the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund could be utilised to provide loans to pay off the statutory dues of the workers of closed textile mills